MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, the corrospondence is being hastened.

Delay in filling Vacancies in the P. W. Department.

275. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that several vacancies in the Upper Subordinate Grade of the Public Works Department are left unfilled for more than five years; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the delay in filling up these vacancies?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There are some acting vacancies to be filled up.

(*b*) There are no special reasons.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know whether the vacancies will ever be filled up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They will be filled up soon.

Remission of Tax.

276. MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state the area of the paddy fields commanded by the Kodayar Project for which remission of tax was allowed in respect of the last Kanni crop on account of total failure of crops caused by want of water in the Kodayar reservoir?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Statements for remission of tax on the affected areas are being received and disposed of. It is not therefore possible now to state the area for which remission has been allowed.

Need for a Munsiff's Court at Bhutapandi.

277. MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received petitions from the inhabitants of the Tovala taluk praying for a Munsiff's Court at Bhutapandi; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by them in the matter?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Administration of Justice.

278. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount realised by them from the Department of Administration of Justice, inclusive of the value realised by the sale of Court-fee stamps and copying papers used in civil and criminal courts, during the years 1100, 1101, 1102 and 1103; and

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